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**Testimony in Support of  
S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'**

Before the Education Committee

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As a parent of two students at St Mary's School in Branford, I support S.B. No. 318.

To me and my family it is very important of keeping and making access to busing for Catholic Schools available because it provides them with a multitude of opportunities to learn and grow. Having this available to all children, especially in light of declining demographics in our state and recent school closures would prepare our future generation with the tools they need to succeed.

I would like to share with your from first hand that when the bus was available to my child I had to secure an additional care for drop off and pick up which caused a financial hardship to my family not to mention a long day for my child.

It is crucial to keep our Catholic schools open and accessible to students whose schools have closed in neighboring towns.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Alketa M. Stroka*